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Dear Commissioners of the Federal Communications Commission:

With regards to MB Docket 05-311, we at Holliston Cable Access Television implore you to not pass this new proposed rule which would allow "in-kind" contributions to be deducted from cable access franchise fees.

Those fees are for the sole purpose of operating the local access community media center. If those funds were reduced or eliminated the results would be devastating for many reasons. Community access centers deliver so many vital services to the communities that we serve and are also a tremendous asset.

I would also like to mention the importance that the selectmen's use and other town and school programming events such as the Town Meeting, Holliston PTO, Holliston SEPAC, Holliston Public Library, Holliston Police and Fire Departments, The Lions and Leos Club, The Holliston Historical Society, The American Legion and on and on it goes.

A great many of our programming is made available to state representatives for conveying the importance of state legislative action (i.e. Carolyn Dykema appearance, Karen Spilka on occasion). In addition to producing important local programming, a great many students will no longer benefit from the \$1000's of dollars that have been provided for scholarships and the opportunity to learn new digital media skills which will be a valuable skill set as they develop both professionally and personally.

Also, Public Access facilities are in a unique position to quickly inform residents about any type of emergency which ultimately leads to public safety. In addition, the state of the art technology that we openly provide allows us to empower many non-profit organizations to outreach and serve those in need of food and school supplies to name just a few.

Thousands of jobs will be lost and many volunteers will be left without a voice if this new rule should pass. PEG Access facilities are considered to be GEMS in numerous communities.

Again, we urge you to not support it!

Thank you.

Bruce Gilfoy Station Manager